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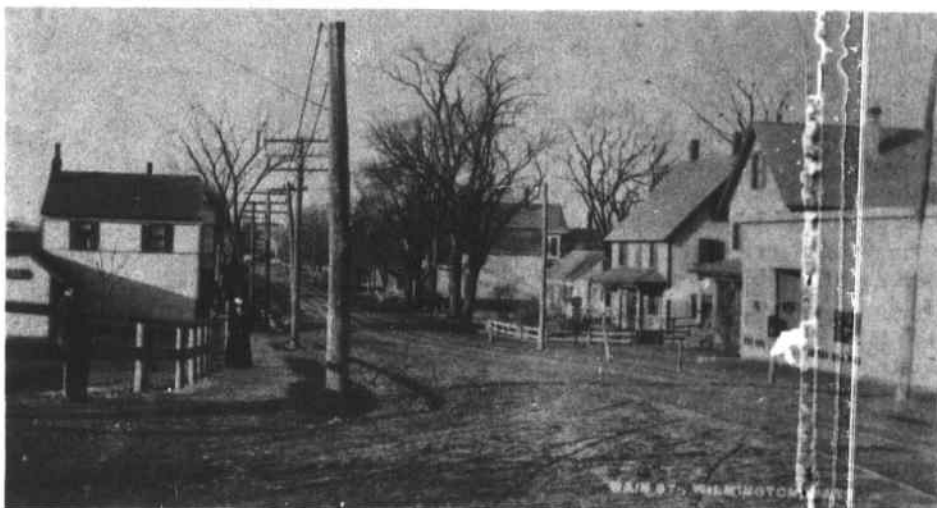
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NO NEED FOR ALARM

There is no need for alarm, by Wilmington taxpayers, on the passage of Senate Bill 595, otherwise reported in this paper.

The bill, true enough increases our annual costs for the Bonded Indebtedness of the Metropolitan Sewer, as of Jan 1, 1960.

Joe Courtney, when he was Town Manager told the Finance Committee, on Feb. 6, 1958, that he anticipated the costs on this score will be about \$7000 a year. It now will be about \$20 or \$25 thousand.

Perhaps Wilmington's share is just a little heavier than it should be - we would not be surprised to hear such news when the analysts have finished their work with their slide rules. Wilmington, it will be remembered, riled up a few Boston legislators by having an admission fee of only \$50,000, when Randolph had to pay \$900,000. That feature is still unchanged.

But like other contiguous towns and cities we will have to pay more for the Bonded Indebtedness. Our cost will more than quadruple, that of Woburn and Reading, for instance, will not increase in the same proportion.

But that cost will be absorbed by the Sewer users, and not by the taxpayer in general. Not one cent will actually come from the town's coffers.

The Enabling Act, which we had passed by the Legislature last year will ensure this. It is designed to make the sewer system self-supporting, and forsook such events as has now happened.

All we have to do is to accept that Enabling Act, in a Town Meeting.

A SLIGHTLY RUSTY NEEDLE

Wilmington men who may follow a certain profession were slipped a slightly rusty needle, by the Board of Selectmen recently.

Thd Selectmen decided to advertise for a man in this profession. They advertised in some out of town papers, and did not advertise in the local one, on the thought that no one in town is interested.

Which is sort of taking things for granted.

WE LIKE FERKY

For many years the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has had formulae for the aiding of the towns and cities and other causes of state-wide concern, within our Commonwealth. They are now nearly all out-dated, and legislators and citizens alike have been denouncing them for years.

The trouble is that they are too dated. Some of them stem from 1945, and towns and cities have grown, or in some instances have lost population and valuations since that time.

Many people would like to see the formulae changed but it has proven impossible. Too many vested interests are out to protect their "rights" - or, to put it more bluntly, their "politics".

Last January Governor Furcolo approached the problem in a manner that we considered excellent. His attitude was "Let us wipe the slate clean, and start all over. Let us base our plans for aid on today's conditions".

Unfortunately, from a political viewpoint Mr Furcolo also tied in a sales tax with his proposals. He had to. Massachusetts is one of the few states in the country not to have a sales tax - and it is one of the states in which a number of legislators make political capital of this fact.

Contrary to general belief, it is not our

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state taxes which hurt our people most - it is our local taxes. Massachusetts has one of the heaviest local taxes of any state in the union.

Furcolo recognized this. His proposals made sense. Start off, with a clean slate. Don't try to amend. That was his idea.

Now Furcolo has been defeated in the Legislature. But the defeat, to our mind, is more to his credit than most people recognize today.

Our Legislators have acted more irresponsibly than the craziest Town Meeting ever to occur in our Commonwealth. (We are not specifically including our local legislators in this statement).

Our Legislators, alarmed by tax-conscious voters, ventured into the fiscal apple orchard with pruning saw in hand and in a session which has become thoroughly ridiculous have hacked and pruned at any limb they could find.

Much harm has been done. In many instances the legislature voted back, next day, the monies they had deleted the day previously - but they were not chastened by their experience.

Now, having "saved" about \$3 millions, and approaching the end of the session, they have indulged in a \$12 million vote for increased pay for State employees.

They don't know who they have hurt, or what harm they have done by their pruning, but, politics being what it is, they now seek to salve the feelings of the state employees.

We all recognize the vote as being strictly political. We know that it will probably have no effect, because no money has been appropriated, and probably will not be. It was a strictly political vote.

But it serves to show how ridiculous our legislators have become.

Our hacking and pruning legislators could not look at what was eminently a good proposal. They were not far sighted enough. Now they have (nearly) reaped the fruits of their labors.

We don't know whether or not Furcolo will be in the Governor's chair next year, but whether it is he or someone else we hope that something like the proposed revision is again presented to the legislature.

We would like to see it discussed on its merits.



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TOWN NOTES

Weather

.73 inches in the week ending yesterday morning, and most of it on Monday, when we had .48 inches of rain.

Saturday's rain was of the shower variety. Some fell here and some fell there, and some places didn't get any at all.

One side of Pat Ring's house, for instance, had rain, and the other didn't.

'Ceese'

Cecil Lancaster, new Town Manager, can be expected to be in town next week, and will probably attend the Town Meeting Monday night.

He has already been in town looking, we presume, for a home.

We note that people in Mansfield (some of them anyway) called him 'Ceese'. Whether or not he likes that nickname we do not know.

Lancaster, incidentally, already has a brother in Wilmington -- North Carolina, that is.

Tanner's Punch Line

Veteran Legislator Frank Tanner of Reading finished up the hearing on the gates for the Wildcat crossing of Main St. with a punch line that drew the admiration of Temp. TM Webber.

After listening to the objections of the Boston & Maine attorneys Tanner got to his feet and said: 'Mr. Chairman, I would like to record, at this time, that this railroad is called the Wildcat Railroad, and that it is properly so-called'

No Fishing

The pool at the end of Shaw-sheen Road still exists, at times when we have a heavy rainfall. The town just hasn't got around to putting in a drain yet.

Some humorist, during the heavy rainstorm Sunday afternoon erected a sign.

It read: 'No Fishing!'

Doc Fagan's Bells

Like all other gentlemen of the Hippocratic persuasion Doc Gerald Fagan, of Clark St is sensitive to telephone calls, especially about 3 am.

He gets so many of them.

Now Doc has an added pleasure. The B&M trains, on the Wildcat frequently stop outside his home to wait for a change in the signal lights. While they wait they keep their automatic bell ringing device a-going, and Doc turns and frets, in his bed.

Then, of course, comes the denouement. When the train starts again there is the loud loud whistle, which sends the Doc a-jumping.

Doc is threatening to go up to Louie Hailson, at Silver Lake, and get some sleeping tablets - Louie being further away from the trains than Mel Woodside.

Scare Them!

Readers may possibly remember Arthur J. West, of Woburn, the man who ran against Tom Donohue, for the Representative's position in the State Legislature, last year.

West, who is a professor in Suffolk University, was vacationing in Indiana, last week, had what turned out to be an abnormal way to scare away thieves.

The thieves stole a portable radio, and a clarinet. But the thefts stopped quickly, when they opened a box which contained six live scorpions in a glass jar, and two dead rattlesnakes in a plastic bag.

West told the police he thought the rattlers had scared away the thieves.

Picturesque

Nagel Stone, of Nickerson Ave. is a man who, for his own reasons prefers to grow a bushy black beard. He has been employed for some years as a watchman, by the B&M, in Reading.

Now Nagel has a new job. He is the engineer of the old locomotive, down at Pleasure Island, in Wakefield. Perhaps you have seen his picture, in the Boston Globe, peering out of the old engine cab window.

Railroad Rumors

Our note in this column last week which reported the Urban Renewal's consultant as saying that the B&M is planning no changes meets with general incredulity, in Wilmington.

Several of our readers state that they 'know' that the railroad is planning to abandon the tracks between Wilmington and Lowell, and run the Lowell trains up the Wildcat, or else up the old No. Wilmington tracks to Lowell Junction, and then over to Lowell.

They point out that the B&M is 'ballasting' the road from Lowell Junction to Lowell as proof.

We don't know from Adam, ourselves.

Flashing Light

If you see a flashing light ahead of you some dark night it isn't a new filling station and you won't have to hurry over and tell the Planning Board about it either.

The chances are that it will be Mr. William Agreeable Smith with his tractor, straw hat and corn cob pipe.

Agreeable has erected a flashing light (amber ahead - red in the rear) over his head presumably to warn motorists.

It's strictly legal, he tells us.

Ugh!

We hear some of the boys in the Silver Lake district have the very cute habit (?) of standing on the Lake Street Bridge and dropping kittens in the path of on-coming trains.

Jimmy is Out

Jimmy Newhouse's gang, the Woburn Little League National All-Stars, are out of the Little League Tournament. They were knocked out by Peabody last Saturday, in an 11 inning game which ended 5 to 4. Jimmy got two hits, in five times at bat.

It must have been quite a game. The tie was broken by an eleventh inning homer hit by a boy with the name of Don Musial, no less!

Perseverance

You have to admire a man with perseverance.

Steve Hathaway bought the Van Steensburg pit, and dug till he found water.

Now he is digging on the former Curtis land. He has found water there, too.

The Great Lake Scare

Silver Lake has been the subject of many unfounded rumors during the past two weeks. We don't know where they started.

One of the rumors is that someone got polio from swimming in the lake. Another is that there are hundreds of dead fish floating in the lake.

Neither of them have any basis for truth. Pat Thibau, the Town Sanitarian, has been making regular tests, and if any thing was wrong he most certainly would say so.

But be that as it may, attendance at the Town Beach has dropped tremendously. It started two weeks ago today, and is still going on. The kids are practically boycotting the place.

The Maple Tree

Our readers are generally sharper of eye than we are prone to give them credit for. One of them, who wandered into our office just before we went to press saw Winnie McMahon's picture. The first thing he noticed was the maple tree, in front of the B&M, which in the picture can hardly be seen. Some difference in appearance than the tree under which every one parks his car today.

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THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING ITEMS

A letter was received from a resident of Taplin Avenue, complaining of high water on the street, by the Selectmen Monday evening.

A report was received from the Building Inspector relative to a blocked culvert on Lawrence Street.

Selectman Hagerty suggested that a report be prepared as to the progress of the personnel & salary committee, the Building Code Committee, and the permanent Building Committee, for the incoming Town Manager.

He was told by Temp. TM Webber that a report was being prepared relative to all regular officials and departments for Lancaster, that a report would be asked for from the three committees named, but that one of them, at least, (The Personnel & Salary Committee) would be holding no meetings until September.

Hagerty also commented that the center stripe, on the various highways had disappeared and should be replanted.

Speaking of the new portion of Route 62, where it approaches Route 93, in North Wilmington, (i.e. near High Street) Hagerty pointed out that there is now no sidewalk, and that children will shortly be using this road on their way to and from the Whitefield School.

Hagerty also thanked Webber for a very fine job, during his tenure as Temporary Town Manager, a thought in which the rest of the Selectmen concurred.

Kidder: I don't think I have ever had any one inform me so much on things as during the past week.

A letter to Tony Thiel, head of the School Maintenance Department from pat Thibau Sanitarian, commented on a report that a Mr. Haskell o Belmont, apparently a State Inspector, had found the curtain in the Herbert C. Barrows Auditorium to be 'not flame-proof'.

A letter has been received by Reps Tanner and Donahue, relative to the conditions of the streets near Route 93. The letter, from a Department of Public Works Engineer, promised to 'look into the subject of repairs'.

Selectman Kidder drew the attention of Temp. TM Webber to the water on a lot owned by

Butt, on Woburn Street, near Route 93. There never has been water on this lot, before, in the summer time, Kidder said. He felt that Webber, or Mr. Lancaster, should take up the problem of drainage with the state, the water presumably coming from the new highway.

SELECTMEN TO REQUEST GATES FOR SALEM STREET, GLEN ROAD AND CLARK ST. ON WILDCAT

The Board of Selectmen have decided to petition the Department of Public Utilities for automatic gate crossings at Salem Street, Glen Road and Clark Street, on the Wildcat Railroad.

Proposed by Selectman Hagerty Monday night, Hagerty wanted to send three letters, in three successive days, for the three crossings. It was finally decided to petition each crossing in two week periods.

The Glen Road petition will be sent first, because of the number of school children who will shortly be using the street on their way to school. Thirty five trains now use the Wildcat Railroad every day. In a conversation about the whistling of the trains Hagerty more or less facetiously proposed to 'go down and blow up the track'.



ONE BEGONIA PLANT

Mrs. A. Daniel Gillis, of Swain Road, West, thinks she has the largest and finest Begonia plant in Wilmington, and challenges anyone to produce a better one.

5PM COLLECTION FROM MAIL BOXES

Postmaster Henry Porter has announced that 5PM collection is now being made from all collection boxes, in Wilmington, and that any letter mailed up to 5 PM will be dispatched on the same day, Monday through Friday.

Saturday collection times are posted on the various collection boxes.

A Sunday collection is made from the box in front of the Wilmington Post Office, and in front of the North Wilmington Postoffice. Letters may be mailed in either box before 1:45 pm and be assured of dispatch on the same day.

Persons interested in knowing more about domestic postage rates and fees are invited by Postmaster Porter to call at the Postoffice and ask for Publication No. 3.

LANDSCAPING LICENSE GRANTED

A Landscaping License was granted to Peter Enos, of Andover Street, Monday evening so that he might terrace a hill in back of his home.

The license was necessary because he will have to remove about a dozen loads of fill. The fee was set at \$1.

TEMPORARILY TABLED

The Board of Selectmen, Monday evening temporarily tabled a new gravel license, for Daniel Tello, of Andover St.

The license will be issued after the plan has been checked by the Town Engineer.

A bond of \$10,000 has been required before the license will be issued. The fee was set at \$100, until Dec 31, 1959. The present license is for three acres only, of a nine acre tract.

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DAVID ANDERSON NAMED TO JURY DUTY
David E. Anderson, Park St. has been named to serve on Jury duty, in Cambridge, starting on September 2nd.

His name was drawn from the list of jurors Monday evening, in the Selectmen's meeting.



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The minimum admission charge of 25¢ was established to make it possible for each and every child and adult to view the picture which will have it's premiere showing in this area. Other films will include comedy and cartoons in the two-hour presentation.

Proceeds from the summer theatre performance will benefit the religious appointments to be exhibited at the St. Agnes Fair in Sept.

ARTHUR BUREAU APPOINTED WILMINGTON CHAIRMAN OF CARDINAL CUSHING TICKET SALES

Arthur Bureau, 18 West Street Wilmington has been appointed the Community Chairman for the Cardinal Cushing Game.

It will be an annual affair between top-notch professional teams, and will offer New-Englanders an opportunity to see professional football.

This year's game is to be between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Chicago Bears and will be held at 8:15 pm Saturday August 22nd, at the Manning Bowl, in Lynn.

The Eastern Middlesex Association for Retarded Children, Inc has been designated as one of the beneficiaries of the game.

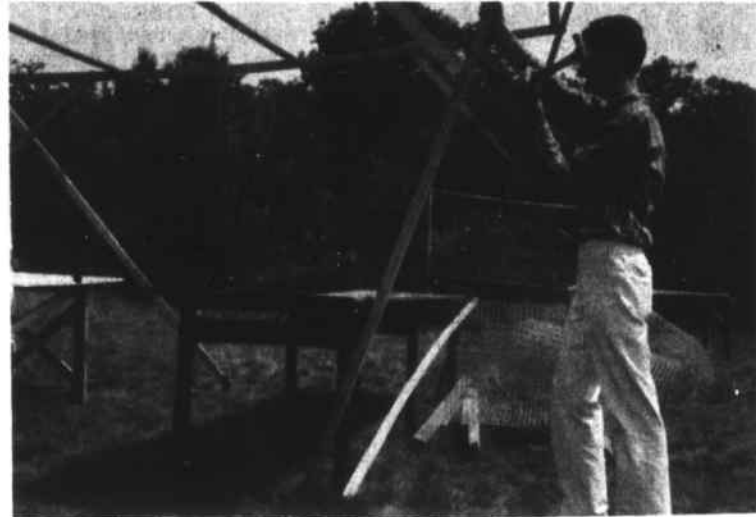
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PREPARING FOR THE FIELD DAY

Roger Luken of North Street wields a hammer as he helps to prepare the booths, on the Jensen Farm on Andover Street, for the Youth Can-teen Horse Show and Field Day Saturday.

APPEAL BOARD APPROVES THREE APPEALS

The Board of Appeals, last Thursday approved of a variance in zoning, to allow Robert O'Handley of Woburn Street to add a non-conforming addition to his home.

Also approved was a similar appeal of John T. Crosson, 15 Main Street.

The appeal of the Town of Wilmington for variances for the proposed Town Garage and the proposed Police Stations were approved after a lengthy hearing. In each case one abuttor was worried about lot lines, drainage, etc.

The appeal of Philip Gardener of 281 Main Street, owner of the new store building, for the right to locate a sign other than where the law allows was taken under advisement.

COMING EVENTS OF THE WILMINGTON LIONS CLUB

Fathers' and Children's Cook-Out - August 12 - Deming s.

Bicycle Safety Day Program - August 22 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. North Wilmington parking Lot, Mildred Rogers School, John Lucci's Market Parking Area and the old Age Housing Area parking Lot.

Lions Ladies Night - August 22 - Herson's.

Annual Door to Door Light Bulb Sales for State and Local Sight Research and Conservation - Date to be announced. If anyone desires to purchase bulbs before the drive, please contact Anthony DeLuca, OLiver 8-8663.

Lions Annual Harvest Ball - Andover Country Club - Proceeds to Lions Charities - October 9.

LIONS PROJECTS

During the past fiscal year of 1958-1959, the Lions of Massachusetts have supported six research projects by the sum of \$51,338.00. The following is a brief description of some of the projects:

Project No. 2 - Retina Foundation received \$7,733 for the continuation of the 'statistical project.' The progress report indicates that now they have about 8,000 I.B.M. cards prepared from the records of former patients. The information has served as a guide and some of the results have been amazing. For example: Successful operations have been increased from 50% to 84%; total bedrest has been reduced from 28 days to 8 days. These are just a few of the accomplishments.

Project No. 4 - Tufts University, School of Medicine. The Study of Tumors of the Eye by means of radioactive isotopes has been one of the most outstanding projects. The Lions, during the past four years, have contributed a sum of \$24,500.

Project No. 5 - The Joslin Clinic received a grant of \$7,500. During the past year, ten doctors were working full time on research with at least ten technicians. Blindness and serious eye complications in diabetics have been increasing. There are many avenues to explore.

Project No. 6 - E. B. Dunphy Fellowship Grant - This is an annual payment of \$5,000 until a total of \$25,000 has been paid and it is spent on some Research Project under the direction of Dr. Dunphy.

Project No. 7 - Ophthalmic Plastics laboratory. Last year's grant amounted to \$15,000. The Research in the field of 'Plastic Artificial Cornea' is beginning to show exciting results. Also connected with the project are the studies being made of the metabolism of the healing of corneas with radioisotopes.

Project No. 8 - Massachusetts Lions Eye Research laboratory. A construction grant approved for \$40,000 payable at the rate of \$10,000 per year for 4 years. This Laboratory will cost a little more than \$80,000 and the balance of the proceeds are to be obtained from a Federal Grant.

Project No. 9 - Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Instrumentation Project -- which is a 'Research Team' under the supervision of the Retina Foundation, received \$10,000 last year.

The Officers and Directors of the Wilmington Club are the following: President, Anthony DeLuca; Secretary, James Pipes; Treasurer, George Cushing, 1st Vice President, David Landers; 2nd Vice President, Joseph App; 3rd Vice President, Allick Epstein; Lion Tamer, James Cain; Tail Twister, Bill Tanner; Immediate past President, John Murphy; Directors: Webb Hall, James McLaughlin, Anthony Joanides and Roy Herson.



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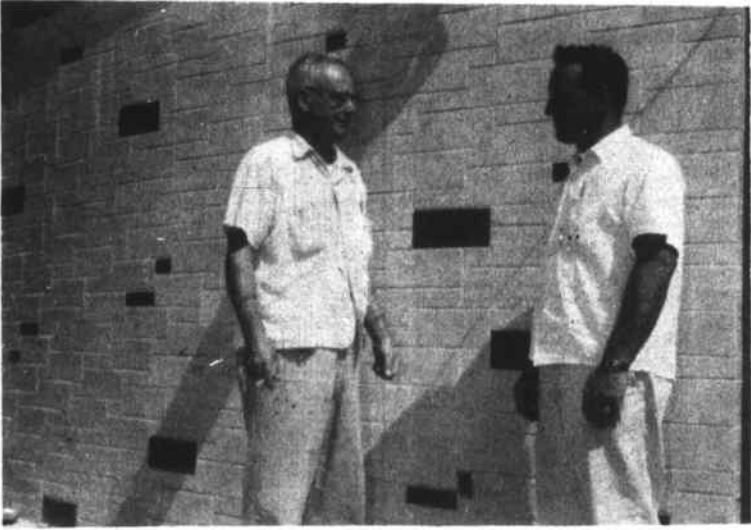
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THE FOYER OF THE GLEN ROAD SCHOOL
A picture showing the pattern in the brickwork, in the new school, building off Glen Road. In the picture are (left) Clarence M. Stanley of Birchwood Road, Clerk of the Works for the Building Committee, and Don Montuori, of Wayland, General Superintendent for Scaldini Inc. of Medford, General Contractors.



THE NEW PLAYGROUND HAS STARTED
A swath of 100 year old pines lies in back of the off-Glen Road School, cut by the Tree Department last week, in preparation for the school playground.

PROPOSE ADDITIONAL PARKING LOT FOR WILMINGTON SQUARE
Temp. TM Stan Webb has been instructed by the Selectmen to enter into negotiations with Mr. Ziello, owner of the land where the White House stood, until last week, in Wilmington Square, with the idea of having an additional temporary parking lot.

Mr. Ziello has proposed the idea to both Selectmen Charles Black and Don Kidder. Ziello told the Selectmen that he felt he could do nothing else with the land until the Urban Renewal question is settled.



JOSEPH LANDRY GETS SCHOLARSHIP GRANT
Joseph H. Landry of Taft Road has been granted a Scholarship on the Bartol Fund, by the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, in Boston.

The \$350 scholarship is for his second year at the school. A graduate of Wilmington High School, Class of 1958, Landry has already attained local fame for his exceptional artistic abilities.

We would like to thank Rev. Harding, our friend at the Wilmington Methodist Church, and our friends and neighbors in Hathaway Acres for their expressions of kindness and sympathy in the loss of our loved one.

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WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND THEY ARE OURS

The proudest man in Wilmington today is Cagy Sam Ethier, coach of the Unit Packet Tigers.

Sam, this year has been trying to do a job on the Thunderbirds, the Wilmington Ford team, but generally the Thunderbirds squeak through with a win, much to Sam's chagrin.

Last Thursday, however, Sam was able to send back a message to the Unit Packet Headquarters, on Burlington Avenue 'We Have Met The Enemy' Sam proudly told Rod Goag, President of Unit Packet 'And They are Ours!'

Then, in a paraphrasing of the immortal message of Oliver Hazard Perry, he continued, counting his booty: 'Sixteen Runs, Three Baseballs, and a Measely L'il Ole Thunderbird!'

Yes, it is true. The sixteen runs are safely scored on Page 43 of Sam's record book, with only five showing against the Townies. The three baseballs, somehow found their way into Franny Hoban's pocket, so Sam doesn't know where they are now, and the Lil Ole Thunderbird - well that was returned to Benny Restuccia, of the Wilmington Ford.

In addition to a debacle, from the eyes of Benny, the game marked another highlight of the Wilmington Softball Season - the fifth umpire up and quit.

Now there is only one left. The Ump declared he had had enough after about the fifth or sixth fight - no one is sure of the number, just as no one can exactly tell who was fighting who, or how many fights there were, after the Ump left.

It all started when one of the Thunderbirds either did or did not touch second base before the ball got there, and was called out.

It is still going on.

CONTEST WINNERS FOR BOY'S RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

The Boy's Recreational Program, behind the High School, came to a climax Wednesday noon, with a contest to see which of the boys were best in a baseball test.

About 50 to 60 boys took part under the direction of Joe Beaton, program director.

The contest consisted of a ball throwing contest, a base running contest and batting.

Winners of the 7 to 9 year old group were Paul Terrio, Larry O'Reilly 2nd, and Robert Drogan, third.

In the 10 to 12 year old group Robert Carney came in first, Frank Ingram second and Randy Walden third.

In the 13 to 15 year old group Ralph Johnson came in first, Louis Kuntz second and Vincent Marchant third.

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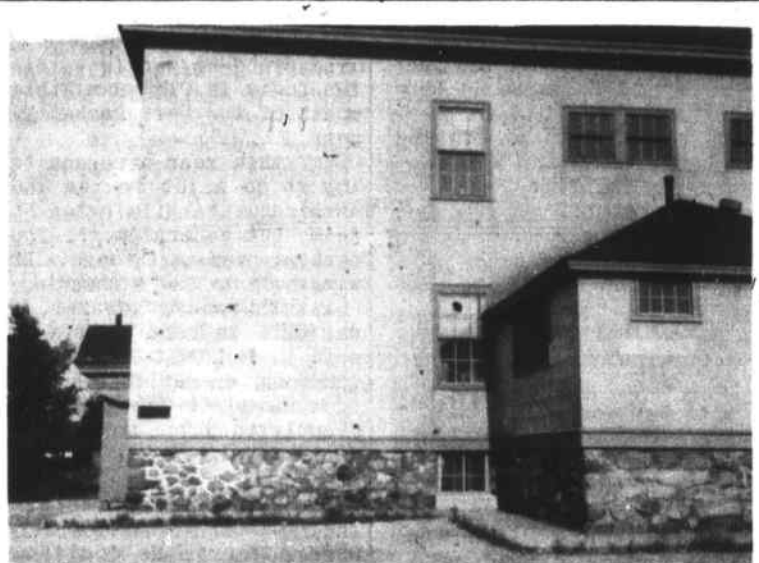
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VANDALISM AT THE WHITEFIELD SCHOOL
Broken shingles, in the back of the Whitefield School, mark the targets of (presumably) small boys, with stones. The broken windows have been replaced.

DEMING ROAD SIGNS ARE COMING
New signs, to be used for Deming Road, have been ordered Jim Donahue, member of the Wilmington Housing Authority was told Monday night. Mr. Donahue was checking because of a delay in delivery.

He was told that the signs were not 'standard' and that because of the difference a delay was to be expected.

SELECTMEN TABLE PROPOSED GARAGE LICENSE
A request for a garage license, by Joseph Nardone of 26 Butters Row has been tabled by the Board of Selectmen until such time as they can get advice from Town Council.

Nardone has requested a license to operate a garage for the repair of autos at his home, which is a residential zone.



NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM
The A & M Fenton Real Estate Company, of 585 Main Street, which has just announced its opening for business. It is owned and operated by Alan and Marilyn Fenton. Mr. Fenton has been a member of the Wilmington Housing Authority for several years. Associated with them are Chuck and Barbara Moorman of Lawrence Street.



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NEIL MCCORMACK IN NAVY
Neil McCormack, football star of Wilmington High School's 1958 team, is now at the Great Lakes Training Command, of the US Navy.
The son of Mr and Mrs Leo McCormack, of Grove Avenue, and one of the McCormack Twins, he joined the Navy on the 28th of July.
McCormack was given a send off party, at the Hooper home, on West St on July 25th, attended by most of his High School Classmates, and friends from Wakefield and Stoneham and was presented with an identification bracelet and a purse.
An all-round sportsman, he won the New Hampshire State Open Golf Championship for caddies, in 1957, together with his brother Hugh.

STOP LIGHTS FOR BURLINGTON AVENUE WILL BE DISCUSSED IN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
The Board of Selectmen, Monday evening decided to put into the 'Tickler File' for the 1960 Annual Town Meeting a request for a Stop Light, on Burlington Avenue, near the Old Age Housing Project.
The light has been authorized by the State Department of Public Works, but no money is available from this year's Highway Fund.
A petition from the residents of the Housing Project for such a light was received by the Selectmen Monday evening.

LOCKWOOD ROAD PETITIONS FOR STREET LIGHTS
Residents of Lockwood Road have petitioned the Selectmen to have street lights on their street. The petition has been tabled until such time as the Selectmen begin to consider the annual Town Meeting of 1960.

HALLOWEEN DANCE PLANNED FOR YOUTH CANTEN
Plans are underway for a Halloween Dance, in the Wildwood School, on Oct. 31st, the Wilmington Youth Canteen has announced.

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WILMINGTON'S OLD STREET CARS

One of the important items in transportation about 50 years ago in this area was the Middlesex Street Railway, which ran electric street cars to and from practically all points in eastern Middlesex County.

Where Route 93 crosses Lowell Street was for many years a gravel pit, which is now fast disappearing. Back about the days of World War I it was from this pit that the railway got its gravel for ballasting the road bed.

As far as can be determined at the moment the railway started originally in Wakefield, through the efforts of Col. Charles F. Woodward, who started the Stoneham & Wakefield Street Railway in May 1892, the first car running in August.

The line was soon extended to Lynn, then to Melrose, and then to Woburn.

In 1895 extensions were started to Reading, and by the fall of the year it was proposed to run a line up to Wilmington and on to Lowell.

Considerable opposition was encountered to this idea, and the company was unable to get a franchise from the state legislature. The opposition probably came from the railroad, which had a monopoly on Boston - Lowell travel and wanted to keep it.

The Middlesex Street railway settled instead for a line to Billerica, and then to Lowell.

On Dec. 1, 1895 the first street car appeared on the Wilmington section of the line a street car which was affectionately called 'Old Betsey' for many years.

It went over the Burlington Avenue Bridge, and across to

Shawsheen Avenue, thence to Billerica, where connections were made for Lowell. The farmers of that day used to ship their milk on 'Old Betsey' which had an open end in the front and rear, and the customers had to make their way through the milk cans to get to their seats.

The interior section of 'Old Betsey' would seat about 8 to 10 persons on each side. There was a pot bellied stove, to keep the passengers warm in the winter.

'Old Betsey' had a single truck of wheels at each end of the car, and it was nothing to see the car off the rails.

In such cases the passengers, together with the Conductor and Motormen would get out, and bodily pick the car up and put her back on the track whereupon everyone would then reembar and continue on the journey.

About the same time as the track from Reading one was also laid from Woburn, or rather from North Woburn, where the old car-barn and stables used to be. The Woburn car once ran up Woburn Street and Wildwood Street, past the Common to the Square and during the days of World War One it was much used for transportation of school children.

The Woburn cars made a turn around on the Burlington Avenue bridge. They would come up Main Street to the Square, up onto the bridge, where the motorman and conductor performed the ceremony of switching the trolley, lowering one and raising the other.

Then the car would proceed down to Church Street, and up Wildwood to Perry's Corner, where again it would be reversed in direction, back to

Wilmington Square, again reversed, and thence to the car barns in North Woburn.

After the World War the company bought new and larger cars, much larger, with seats that faced the direction of travel - the latest word in modern comfort.

It was about in 1905 that the track was laid direct from Wilmington to Lowell, with the fare being a whole ten cents for the ten mile trip. Later on, as inflation reared its ugly head the fare was changed to 15 cents, in three five cent divisions.

All the rails for the new track came into the Wilmington depot, and were unloaded at an unloading yard and B&MRR then had opposite Clark Street, using a pair of giant sheerlegs for the unloading. They were hauled out by horse and wagon, a Tewksbury man by the name of Farmer having the contract.

These were the days when all day excursions were a family rule, the excursion being, of course on the trolleys.

Every Sunday perhaps a dozen Wilmington families would board the Reading car, transfer there to the Lynn car, and finally end up at Salem Wil-lows, coming back in the evening cars.

One of the events that is to be remembered on the Lowell track is the freeze of January 1917. One of the trolley cars was frozen in, right by Silver Lake, in fact it was stalled right in front of where Stevens Supermarket now stands.

The conductor, a true sportsman, did not allow a simple freeze to bother him. He dug up a fishing line, and an ax, and went out on Silver Lake where he cut a hole through the ice and tried his luck.

His, it would seem, was the first hole in the ice. It was the first time in some weeks that fresh air and oxygen were exposed to the water, and all the fish in the lake apparently gathered to get a fresh supply. The Conductor caught something over 60 pick-erel, all of good size.

Next Sunday practically all of the men in Lowell were down on Silver Lake fishing, and no fish were caught worth mentioning!

In 1923 there was another freeze up. One car was stuck on a section of track right beside Thompson's Grove, (Now part of St. Dorothy's Hall).

The motorman, Carl Danca, lived in the home of the Elfman's right across from the Grove, so that he suffered no hardships.

The car was frozen in for three days. Each day Danca would report on the job, just by stepping out of his door and opening the car door!

All the kids in the neighborhood learned in those days how to open a car door from the outside, an accomplishment of which they were real proud! After three days the car was again able to move, and the kids lost their plaything.

The street cars were already fighting a losing fight by this time. The automobile, which is now apparently sounding the deathknell of the rail roads, was already spoiling the street car business, and in the summer of 1930, we think it was, the last street car in Wilmington was to be seen making its lonely way to the Everett Car Barns, never to return.

There are of course many stories in Wilmington about those street cars.

For instance - the Henny Penny. Henny Penny, (Henry Wilson Sargent) was a mechanical genius who lived in the Darius Buck home at the corner of Wildwood Street and Woburn St. He absolutely refused, for many years to ride on anything faster or more complicated than a bicycle.

One day some of the boys, in a conspiracy with the motorman and conductor of one of the Woburn cars kidnapped Henny Penny, tied him up, and put him on a latebound car for Woburn.

When the car got to North Woburn Henny Penny was released and he walked home, his dignity sufficiently injured, but his fear of street cars overcome.

Then there was the time that Mr. Roberts took the wrong car Roberts, the richest man in Wilmington, lived in a palatial home on Burlington Avenue. today the home of the Herson's

He came back to Wilmington at about midnight, one Saturday evening, after having attended a lodge meeting of some kind in Boston.

Roberts was in a full dress suit. He was also a little more than cheerful, probably as a result of what happened after the lodge meeting, not during it.

He decided to take the Burlington Avenue car for the short distance that it travelled towards his home, and he boarded a street car in Wilmington Square.

Unfortunately the car was going in the other direction - towards Woburn. Unfortunately also, it was the last street-car to run that night.

When the car arrived at the car barns the conductor woke up Roberts, and only then did the situation become apparent. Instead of a one mile walk Roberts would have to walk five! The conductor and the motorman however, simply turned their car around and made another trip, just for their one passenger! We heard it told to that they refused to accept any pay!

Another interesting sidelight on the Woburn cars is to be remembered about Caleb Harriman, the man who owned and operated Harriman's Tannery in North Wilmington, where the Little League field now is.

Harriman had sworn that he would never own a car, and when the Woburn cars were discontinued, about 1922, Harriman was faced with the problem of providing transportation for about a dozen or so employees who lived in Woburn.

Through an arrangement with Herb Barrows and Johnny McGowan of Woburn Harriman bought a Reo Speed Wagon, a very good

truck of the day. It had an open back, with tie-down flaps to keep out the rain, and two benches for people to sit on.

This vehicle was used for several years to take the Woburn employees to work. Harriman paid for it, and owned it, but it was never in his name.

It is believed that this is the same Reo that Herb Barrows used for a school bus, Wilmington's first, which provided a mighty cold ride during January and February to school children who lived over two miles from their school.



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court
To Carol Lenore Borthwick of Burlington in the State of New Jersey.

A libel has been presented to said Court by your husband, Ronald E. Borthwick, praying that a divorce from the bond of matrimony between himself and you be decreed for the cause of desertion and praying that custody of minor child be given to libellee.

If you desire to object there to, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge within twenty-one days from the fourteenth day of September 1959, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN C. LEGGAT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of July 1959.

John V. Harvey, Register.
J30 A6, 13

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court

To all persons interested in the estate of Thomas J. McGuinness late of Wilmington, in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that Thomas J. McGuinness, Junior of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex be appointed administrator of said estate, without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object there to you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of August 1959, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN C. LEGGAT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of July 1959.

John V. Harvey, Register
J30, A6, 13

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court

To all persons interested in the estate of Edith L. Symmes late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that Gladys Swenson of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex be appointed administratrix of said estate, without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object there to you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixteenth day of September 1959, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN C. LEGGAT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of July 1959.

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON MASSACHUSETTS



BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held
in the Town Hall on Thursday,
August 20, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.
on the request of Joseph Har-
ington, of 9 Lumac Rd., for a
variance in the zoning laws to
allow for the construction of
a dwelling on a non-conforming
lot on Amherst Rd.

Walter L. Hale, Jr., Chm.

BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held
in the Town Hall on Thursday,
August 20, 1959 at 8:30 p.m.
on the request of Brock & Ris-
tuccia, of 490-496 Main St.,
for a variance in the zoning
laws to allow for the erection
of a non-conforming sign at
the above address.

Walter L. Hale, Jr., Chm

BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held
in the Town Hall on Thursday,
August 20, 1959 at 9:00 p.m.
on the request of Alden S.
Eames for a variance in the
zoning laws to allow for the
construction of a non-conform-
ing garage at 131 Shawsheen
Avenue.

Walter L. Hale, Jr., Chm.

BIRTH

O'Reilly, Mary Ellen, first child, to Mr and Mrs Gerald O'Reilly, Woburn, on August 4th. Mrs. O'Reilly is the former English teacher in Wilmington High School, the daughter of Edward Protton of Wildwood Street.

Mr. O'Reilly's parents are Mr and Mrs Frederick M. O'Reilly of 2 Glen Avenue.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR TERRI O'CONNORS

Terri O'Connors, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas O'Connors of Chestnut Street was feted with a big birthday party, on the occasion of her sixth birthday on August third. Present with their mothers were David, Nancy, Paul and Marcia Olsen, Ann and Laurie Polsey, David and Billie Cutler, Micki Cavanaugh, Stephen and Susan Carver, Paul, Keith and Janet Iverson, Frank and

Caroline Simmons.

Mrs Ellen Dominicus, Grandfather and Grandmother Mr and Mrs Thomas J. O'Connors, and Grandmother Mrs Helen C Erikson, of Pinehurst were among the guests.

The Misses Dale, Joan and Barbara Bishop assisted Mrs. O'Connors as hostesses and also took charge of arranging of games and distributing of prizes.

ST THOMAS NEWS

MASSSES: Sunday 7, 8, 9 (church and hall) 10, 11 (church and hall), 12.

Weekday 7:30 a.m.

CYO BASEBALL: Thursday 6:15 pm St. Thomas vs. St. Louis of Lowell at Lowell.

FRIDAY: 4 and 7:30 p.m. Concessions in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

SATURDAY: The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 7, 8, 9 and 10 a.m. and 5 and 7:45 p.m.

ST. AGNES' FAIR: A motion picture film honoring Our Blessed Mother will be shown in St. Agnes' School Hall, Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16, from 1 to 5:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Communion Sunday for the girls and young women of the parish.

BANNS: I-Donald E. Gurski-Arleen Sullivan.

PRAYERS: Mrs George Cushing who is dangerously ill. Francis Barry, Our Sick and Deceased Parishioners.

TROOP 60, BOY SCOUTS

Troop 60, Boy Scouts, will hold an important meeting next Monday, to discuss plans for the coming weekend camping trip. Plans will also be made for the forthcoming Court of Honor, and a family cookout.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WILMINGTON (Effective July-August)

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SUNDAYS: 9 a.m. Church School for all ages; classes ranging from Pre School through Adult. 10 a.m. Morning Worship (Nursery during this hour) 5 p.m. Jr. High B.Y.F. 6 p.m. Sr. High B.Y.F. 7:30 p.m. Evening Service.

THURSDAYS: 7:30 p.m. Mid-week 'Hour of Power' Service: Prayer, Bible Study.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

John H. Bell and wife to Earl Ellsworth and wife, Forrest St Louis H. Glaser to Altman's Inc. Main Street.

Richard P Kiesinger and wife to Richard P. Kiesinger and wife, Salem Street.

Gertrude Huise and assoc. to Arthur Huise Jr. Burlington Avenue.

Augustus T. Norton Jr to, ester H. Peabody and wife, Woburn Street.

AT CAMP WAH-TUT-CA

Scouts Carlton Deane of Woburn Street and Lawrence Curtis of Andover Street, both members of Troop 60, Boy Scouts, are spending two weeks at Camp Wah-Tut-Ca, Lowell Greater Council Boy Scout Camp in New Hampshire.



MARGARET SHELLEY ENGAGED

Mrs Dorothy Shelley, Ballardvale Street announces the engagement of her daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, to Melvin A. White, Jr., son of Mrs Margery White, also of Ballardvale St. Miss Shelley is a graduate of Wilmington High School, Class of 1959, and is employed at Bell Brothers Insurance. Mr White is a graduate of Wilmington High School, Class of 1955 served four years in the navy, and is presently employed at Bryant Laundry. An October wedding is planned.



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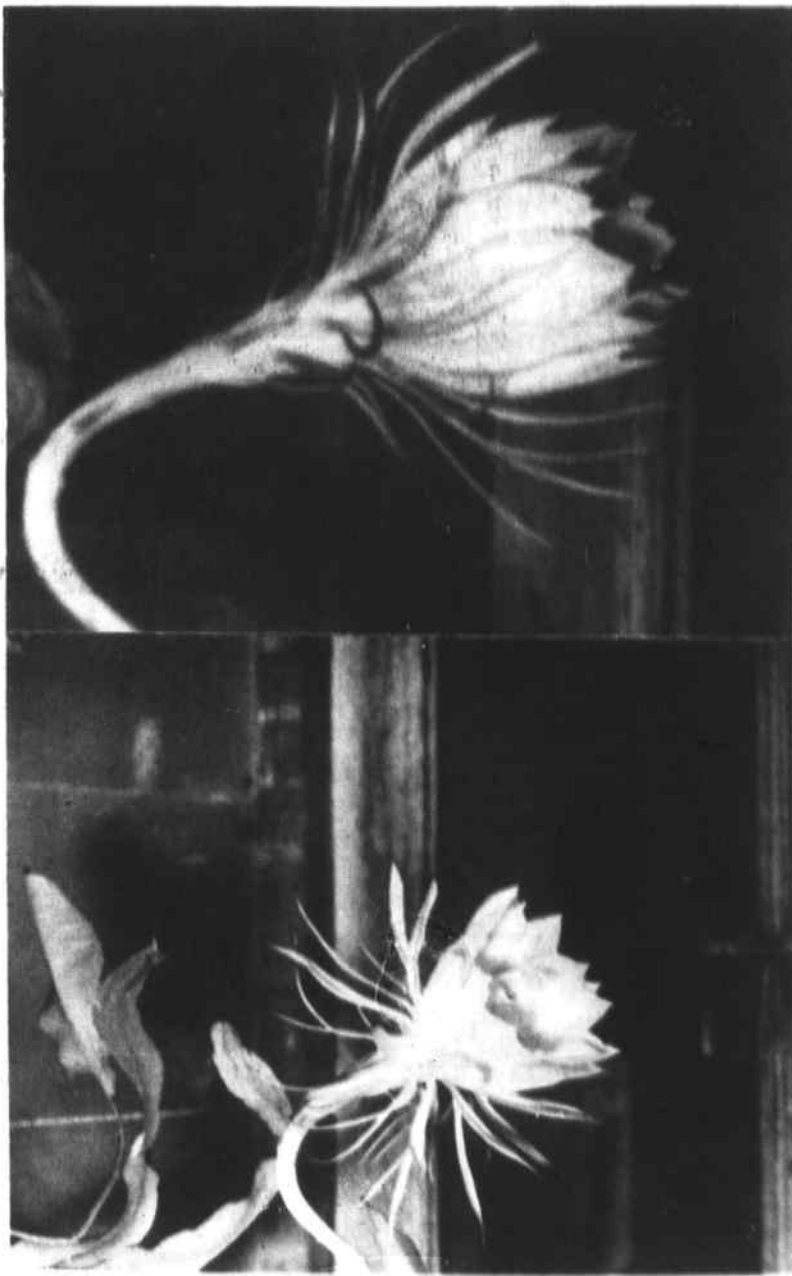
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NIGHT BLOOMING CEREUS

All King Street, and visitors from many other parts of town were at the home of Everett P. McBride, of King St. Sunday evening to see a bloom of the Night Blooming Cereus.

It was the first time the plant had bloomed. It was a slip, from a plant owned by the Cummings Nursery in Woburn, taken before World War II, which eventually became the property of Minnie Sachs of Chestnut Street, Mrs. McBride's sister. Mrs McBride began to care for the plant four years ago, and was rewarded last Sunday.

Above is the flower about 8 pm., as it was unfolding, and below at 10 pm., not yet quite displaying all its glory.

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